

SIXTY SIXTH DAY

MORNING SESSION

Senate Chamber, Olympia, Wednesday, March 20, 2013

The Senate was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Owen. The Secretary called the roll and announced to the President that all Senators were present with the exception of Senators Benton, Carrell, Ericksen, Hargrove and Holmquist Newbry.

The Sergeant at Arms Color Guard consisting of Pages Nathan Bradley and Sandra Maszak, presented the Colors.

Musician 2nd Class Stephanie Brainard, Navy Band Northwest, U.S. Navy Region Northwest based in Silverdale, performed the National Anthem.

Commander Michael Greenwalt, U.S. Coast Guard, Chaplain for District Thirteen, Seattle offered the prayer.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Fain, the reading of the Journal of the previous day was dispensed with and it was approved.

MOTION

There being no objection, the Senate advanced to the first order of business.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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SHB 1012 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Business & Financial Services: Increasing the penal sum of a surety bond required to be maintained by an appraisal management company. Reported by Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Hobbs, Chair; Mullet, Vice Chair; Benton, Ranking Member; Fain; Hatfield; Nelson and Roach.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SHB 1032 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Business & Financial Services: Addressing portable electronics insurance. Reported by Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended. Signed by Senators Hobbs, Chair; Mullet, Vice Chair; Benton, Ranking Member; Fain; Hatfield; Nelson and Roach.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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HB 1045 Prime Sponsor, Representative Ryu: Authorizing certain local authorities to establish maximum speed limits on certain nonarterial highways. Reported by Committee on Transportation

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Benton, Vice Co-Chair; Eide, Co-Chair; Hobbs, Vice Co-Chair; King, Co-Chair; Billig; Brown; Ericksen; Fain, Budget Leadership Cabinet; Litzow; Mullet; Rolfes; Schlicher and Smith.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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HB 1113 Prime Sponsor, Representative Short: Concerning standards for the use of science to support public policy. Reported by Committee on Energy, Environment & Telecommunications

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Ericksen, Chair; Sheldon, Vice Chair; Billig; Brown; Chase; Cleveland; Litzow; Ranker, Ranking Member.

MINORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senator Honeyford.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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HB 1154 Prime Sponsor, Representative Upthegrove: Modifying the definition of nonpower attributes in the energy independence act. Reported by Committee on Energy, Environment & Telecommunications

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Ericksen, Chair; Sheldon, Vice Chair; Billig; Brown; Chase; Cleveland; Honeyford; Litzow; Ranker, Ranking Member.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SHB 1242 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Transportation: Concerning the authority of a vehicle subagent to recommend a successor. Reported by Committee on Transportation

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended. Signed by Senators Benton, Vice Co-Chair; Eide, Co-Chair; Hobbs, Vice Co-Chair; King, Co-Chair; Billig; Brown; Ericksen; Fain, Budget Leadership Cabinet; Litzow; Mullet; Rolfes; Schlicher and Smith.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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HB 1251 Prime Sponsor, Representative Stonier: Increasing membership on the opportunity scholarship board. Reported by Committee on Higher Education

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Bailey, Chair; Becker, Vice Chair; Baumgartner; Frockt; Kohl-Welles, Ranking Member and Tom.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SHB 1256 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Transportation: Addressing project selection by the freight mobility strategic investment board. Reported by Committee on Transportation

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Benton, Vice Co-Chair; Eide, Co-Chair; Hobbs, Vice Co-Chair; King, Co-Chair; Billig; Brown; Ericksen; Fain, Budget Leadership Cabinet; Litzow; Mullet; Rolfes; Schlicher and Smith.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SHB 1265 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Transportation: Modifying provisions in the forms for traffic infraction notices. Reported by Committee on Transportation

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended. Signed by Senators Benton, Vice Co-Chair; Eide, Co-Chair; Hobbs, Vice Co-Chair; King, Co-Chair; Billig; Brown; Ericksen; Fain, Budget Leadership Cabinet; Litzow; Mullet; Rolfes; Schlicher and Smith.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SHB 1309 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Environment: Directing state investments of existing litter tax revenues under chapter 82.19 RCW in material waste management efforts without increasing the tax rate. Reported by Committee on Energy, Environment & Telecommunications

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Ericksen, Chair; Sheldon, Vice Chair; Billig; Brown; Chase; Cleveland; Honeyford; Litzow; Ranker, Ranking Member.

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

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SHB 1334 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Transportation: Concerning conversion kits on motorcycles. Reported by Committee on Transportation

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended. Signed by Senators Benton, Vice Co-Chair; Eide, Co-Chair; Hobbs, Vice Co-Chair; King, Co-Chair; Billig; Brown; Ericksen; Fain, Budget Leadership Cabinet; Litzow; Mullet; Rolfes; Schlicher and Smith.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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EHB 1483 Prime Sponsor, Representative Hunt: Concerning public and private airport parking facilities. Reported by Committee on Transportation

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended. Signed by Senators Benton, Vice Co-Chair; Eide, Co-Chair; Hobbs, Vice Co-Chair; King, Co-Chair; Billig; Brown; Fain, Budget Leadership Cabinet; Litzow; Mullet; Rolfes and Schlicher.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Senator Smith.

MINORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senator Ericksen.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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HB 1592 Prime Sponsor, Representative McCoy: Concerning the enforcement of speeding violations on certain private roads. Reported by Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Hobbs, Chair; Mullet, Vice Chair; Fain; Hatfield; Nelson and Roach.

MINORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senator Benton, Ranking Member.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SHB 1614 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Higher Education: Authorizing applied doctorate level degrees in audiology at Western Washington University. Reported by Committee on Higher Education

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Bailey, Chair; Becker, Vice Chair; Baumgartner; Frockt; Kohl-Welles, Ranking Member and Tom.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SHB 1617 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Community Development, Housing & Tribal Affairs: Concerning the administrative costs for the allocation, management, and oversight of housing trust fund investments. Reported by Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Hobbs, Chair; Mullet, Vice Chair; Benton, Ranking Member; Fain; Hatfield; Nelson and Roach.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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HB 1645 Prime Sponsor, Representative Riccelli: Increasing the number of public members on the Washington higher education facilities authority. Reported by Committee on Higher Education

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended. Signed by Senators Bailey, Chair; Becker, Vice Chair; Baumgartner; Frockt; Kohl-Welles, Ranking Member and Tom.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SHB 1669 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Higher Education: Concerning self-supporting, fee-based programs at four-year institutions of higher education. Reported by Committee on Higher Education

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MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Bailey, Chair; Becker, Vice Chair; Baumgartner; Frockt; Kohl-Welles, Ranking Member and Tom.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SHB 1752 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Transportation: Modifying requirements for the operation of commercial motor vehicles in compliance with federal regulations. Reported by Committee on Transportation

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Benton, Vice Co-Chair; Eide, Co-Chair; Hobbs, Vice Co-Chair; King, Co-Chair; Billig; Brown; Ericksen; Fain, Budget Leadership Cabinet; Litzow; Mullet; Rolfes; Schlicher and Smith.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENTS

March 19, 2013

SGA 9066 MICHAEL COCKRILL, appointed on January 23, 2013, for the term ending at the governors pleasure, as Chief of the Office of the Chief Information Officer. Reported by Committee on Ways & Means

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators Hill, Chair; Honeyford, Capital Budget Chair; Baumgartner, Vice Chair; Bailey; Becker; Braun; Conway; Dammeier; Fraser; Hargrove, Ranking Member; Hasegawa; Hatfield; Hewitt; Keiser; Kohl-Welles; Nelson, Assistant Ranking Member; Padden; Parlette; Ranker; Rivers; Schoesler and Tom.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 19, 2013

SGA 9100 BETTI FUJIKADO, reappointed on October 1, 2012, for the term ending September 30, 2018, as Member of the Board of Trustees, Western Washington University. Reported by Committee on Higher Education

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators Bailey, Chair; Becker, Vice Chair; Baumgartner; Frockt; Kohl-Welles, Ranking Member and Tom.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SGA 9110 ERIN HARMS, appointed on August 6, 2012, for the term ending June 30, 2013, as Member of the Board of Trustees, The Evergreen State College. Reported by Committee on Higher Education

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators Bailey, Chair; Becker, Vice Chair; Baumgartner; Frockt; Kohl-Welles, Ranking Member and Tom.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

SGA 9114 ROY HEYNDERICKX, appointed on April 2, 2012, for the term ending March 26, 2016, as Member of the Higher Education Facilities Authority. Reported by Committee on Higher Education

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators Bailey, Chair; Becker, Vice Chair; Baumgartner; Frockt; Kohl-Welles, Ranking Member and Tom.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SGA 9121 JEREMY JAECH, appointed on October 1, 2012, for the term ending September 30, 2018, as Member of the Board of Regents, University of Washington. Reported by Committee on Higher Education

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators Bailey, Chair; Becker, Vice Chair; Baumgartner; Frockt; Kohl-Welles, Ranking Member and Tom.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SGA 9135 CHRIS LIU, reappointed on October 1, 2012, for the term ending September 30, 2018, as Member of the Board of Trustees, Central Washington University. Reported by Committee on Higher Education

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators Bailey, Chair; Becker, Vice Chair; Baumgartner; Frockt; Kohl-Welles, Ranking Member and Tom.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SGA 9141 JOSEPH E MEYER, appointed on August 6, 2012, for the term ending June 30, 2013, as Member of the Board of Trustees, Western Washington University. Reported by Committee on Higher Education

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators Bailey, Chair; Becker, Vice Chair; Baumgartner; Frockt; Kohl-Welles, Ranking Member and Tom.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SGA 9147 RALPH MUNRO, appointed on October 1, 2009, for the term ending September 30, 2015, as Member of the Board of Trustees, Western Washington University. Reported by Committee on Higher Education

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators Bailey, Chair; Becker, Vice Chair; Baumgartner; Frockt; Kohl-Welles, Ranking Member and Tom.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SGA 9149 JAMES M MURPHY, appointed on October 10, 2012, for the term ending September 30, 2018, as Member of the Board of Trustees, Eastern Washington University. Reported by Committee on Higher Education

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators Bailey, Chair; Becker, Vice Chair; Baumgartner; Frockt; Kohl-Welles, Ranking Member and Tom.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SGA 9152 DAVID L NICANDRI, appointed on November 21, 2011, for the term ending September 30, 2014, as Member of the Board of Trustees, The Evergreen State College. Reported by Committee on Higher Education

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators Bailey, Chair; Becker, Vice Chair; Baumgartner; Frockt; Kohl-Welles, Ranking Member and Tom.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SGA 9156 MARTA B POWELL, reappointed on March 27, 2012, for the term ending March 1, 2017, as Member of the Board of Tax Appeals. Reported by Committee on Ways & Means

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators Hill, Chair; Honeyford, Capital Budget Chair; Baumgartner, Vice Chair; Bailey; Becker; Braun; Conway; Dammeier; Fraser; Hargrove, Ranking Member; Hasegawa; Hatfield; Hewitt; Keiser; Kohl-Welles; Nelson, Assistant Ranking Member; Padden; Parlette; Ranker; Rivers; Schoesler and Tom.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SGA 9157 NATASHA K WILLIAMS, reappointed on January 1, 2012, for the term ending December 31, 2014, as Member of the Investment Board. Reported by Committee on Ways & Means

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators Hill, Chair; Honeyford, Capital Budget Chair; Baumgartner, Vice Chair; Becker; Braun; Conway; Dammeier; Fraser; Hargrove, Ranking Member; Hasegawa; Hatfield; Keiser; Kohl-Welles; Nelson, Assistant Ranking Member; Parlette; Ranker and Rivers.

MINORITY recommendation: That it not be confirmed recommendation. Signed by Senators Bailey; Hewitt; Padden; Schoesler and Tom.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SGA 9160 RAFAEL B PRUNEDA, appointed on August 2, 2012, for the term ending June 30, 2013, as Member of the Board of Regents, Washington State University. Reported by Committee on Higher Education

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators Bailey, Chair; Becker, Vice Chair; Baumgartner; Frockt; Kohl-Welles, Ranking Member and Tom.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SGA 9161 MIKE RAGAN, reappointed on March 11, 2011, for the term ending at the governors pleasure, as Member of the Investment Board. Reported by Committee on Ways & Means

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators Hill, Chair; Honeyford, Capital Budget Chair; Baumgartner, Vice Chair; Bailey; Becker; Braun; Conway; Dammeier; Fraser; Hargrove, Ranking Member; Hasegawa; Hatfield; Hewitt; Keiser; Kohl-Welles; Nelson, Assistant Ranking Member; Padden; Parlette; Ranker; Rivers; Schoesler and Tom.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SGA 9169 DAN RUBIN, appointed on March 1, 2012, for the term ending January 19, 2016, as Member of the Board of Pharmacy. Reported by Committee on Health Care

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators Becker, Chair; Dammeier, Vice Chair; Bailey; Cleveland; Ericksen; Frockt; Keiser, Ranking Member; Parlette and Schlicher.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SGA 9174 SUSAN K SHARPE, appointed on October 1, 2012, for the term ending September 30, 2018, as Member of the Board of Trustees, Western Washington University. Reported by Committee on Higher Education

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators Bailey, Chair; Becker, Vice Chair; Baumgartner; Frockt; Kohl-Welles, Ranking Member and Tom.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SGA 9182 PAUL TANAKA, reappointed on October 10, 2011, for the term ending September 30, 2017, as Member of the Board of Trustees, Eastern Washington University. Reported by Committee on Higher Education

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators Bailey, Chair; Becker, Vice Chair; Baumgartner; Frockt; Kohl-Welles, Ranking Member and Tom.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SGA 9199 MICHAEL C WORTHY, reappointed on October 1, 2012, for the term ending September 30, 2018, as

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Reported by Committee on Higher Education

MOTION

On motion of Senator Fain, the Senate advanced to the fifth order of business.

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators Bailey, Chair; Becker, Vice Chair; Baumgartner; Frockt; Kohl-Welles, Ranking Member and Tom.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

SB 5883 by Senators Baumgartner, Bailey, Ericksen, Braun, Benton, Tom, Holmquist Newbry, Schoesler, Brown, Hill, Roach and Hewitt

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SGA 9200 EMMA ZAVALA-SUAREZ, appointed on March 1, 2012, for the term ending January 19, 2014, as Member of the Board of Pharmacy. Reported by Committee on Health Care

AN ACT Relating to higher education funding; amending RCW 28B.10.776 and 28B.77.090; reenacting and amending RCW 28B.15.067 and 28B.15.068; creating a new section; and repealing RCW 28B.10.778, 28B.10.780, 28B.10.782, 28B.10.784, and 28B.15.101.

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators Becker, Chair; Dammeier, Vice Chair; Bailey; Cleveland; Ericksen; Frockt; Keiser, Ranking Member; Parlette and Schlicher.

Referred to Committee on Higher Education.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

MOTION

March 19, 2013
SGA 9205 MARCIE FROST, appointed on January 16, 2013, for the term ending at the governors pleasure, as Director of the Department of Retirement Systems. Reported by Committee on Ways & Means

On motion of Senator Fain, the measure listed on the Introduction and First Reading report was referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators Hill, Chair; Honeyford, Capital Budget Chair; Baumgartner, Vice Chair; Bailey; Becker; Braun; Conway; Dammeier; Fraser; Hargrove, Ranking Member; Hasegawa; Hatfield; Hewitt; Keiser; Kohl-Welles; Nelson, Assistant Ranking Member; Padden; Parlette; Ranker; Rivers; Schoesler and Tom.

MOTION

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

On motion of Senator Fain, the Senate advanced to the eighth order of business.

MOTION

March 19, 2013
SGA 9208 CAROL K NELSON, appointed on February 25, 2013, for the term ending at the governors pleasure, as Director of the Department of Revenue. Reported by Committee on Ways & Means

Senator Bailey moved adoption of the following resolution:

SENATE RESOLUTION
8641

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators Hill, Chair; Honeyford, Capital Budget Chair; Bailey; Becker; Braun; Conway; Dammeier; Fraser; Hargrove, Ranking Member; Hasegawa; Hatfield; Hewitt; Keiser; Kohl-Welles; Nelson, Assistant Ranking Member; Padden; Parlette; Ranker; Rivers; Schoesler and Tom.

By Senators Bailey, Schlicher, Cleveland, Becker, Parlette, Honeyford, Baumgartner, Roach, Litzow, Rivers, Keiser, Dammeier, Pearson, Braun, Padden, Benton, Ericksen, Fain, King, Smith, Fraser, Kohl-Welles, and Brown

MINORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senator Baumgartner, Vice Chair.

WHEREAS, Washington State has both a strong maritime heritage and a contemporary reliance on the sea; and

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

MOTION

WHEREAS, The United States Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marine work to secure sea lanes, promote the free flow of commerce to and from our state, project power to promote stability and deter aggression, and keep our waterways safe; and

On motion of Senator Fain, all measures listed on the Standing Committee report were referred to the committees as designated.

WHEREAS, The United States Sea Services have been a presence in Puget Sound since before Washington Statehood; and

WHEREAS, Washington State is today home to the Navy's 3rd largest Fleet concentration area, to the Coast Guard's entire Polar Ice Breaking Fleet, and to two of the West Coast's largest and busiest port facilities; and

WHEREAS, Sea Service personnel provide homeland security, disaster assistance, and rescue services to Washington State citizens, and selflessly spend thousands of hours every year volunteering in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Tens of thousands of Sea Service personnel and their families consider Washington State home and are community leaders, role models, and mentors; and

WHEREAS, Our State's reliance on the sea for commerce, recreation, defense, and sustenance will only continue to grow in the years ahead;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate recognize and express appreciation for all those who have ever served as Sea Service personnel and all the family members and friends who shared their sacrifices with them; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize all the many contributions Sea Service personnel make for everyone living in the United States and the entire global community.

Senators Bailey, Shin, Ranker, Dammeier, Kohl-Welles and Becker spoke in favor of adoption of the resolution.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 8641.

The motion by Senator Bailey carried and the resolution was adopted by voice vote.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

The President welcomed and introduced service members of the U.S. Coast Guard: Captain Matthew Miller, Chief of Staff, District 13; Captain Scott Ferguson, commander, Sector Puget Sound; Captain Daniel LeBlanc, commanding officer, Marine Safety Unit, Portland; Commander Eric Belleque, Chief of External Affairs, District 13; Lt. Jayna McCarron, flag aide to the Thirteenth District Commander; and Command Master Chief Jason Vanderhaden, District 13 who were present in the gallery and recognized by the Senate.

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The President welcomed and introduced service members of the U.S. Navy: Captain Scott Hogan, Chief of Staff, Navy Region Northwest; Captain Pete Dawson, commanding officer, Naval Base Kitsap; Captain Michael J. Coury, commanding officer, Naval Station Everett; Captain Michael Nortier, commanding officer, Naval Air Station Whidbey Island; Commander Gary Martin, Naval Magazine Indian Island; Command Master Chief (SS) Brian Schell, Navy Region Northwest; and Lieutenant Kate Stockton, Naval Aviator, Navy Region Northwest who were present in the gallery and recognized by the Senate.

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The President welcomed and introduced Rear Admiral Mark Rich, commander, Navy Region Northwest; Rear Adm. Dietrich H. Kuhlmann, commander, Submarine Group 9; Rear Admiral Keith Taylor, commander, District 13, U.S. Coast Guard who was present at the rostrum.

The business of the Senate was suspended to allow for remarks by Rear Admiral Keith Taylor, commander, District 13, U.S. Coast Guard.

REMARKS BY REAR ADMIRAL KEITH TAYLOR

Rear Admiral Keith Taylor: "Thank you Mr. President, members of the Senate. Thank you so much for having us here today. It's great to see so many people that we work so closely with and that support our men and women so well. On behalf of the men and women of the United States Navy, the United States Marine Corps, the United States Merchant Marine and the United States Coast Guard, we collectively thank you for what you're doing in this state. The resolution you just passed is very meaningful to us. 'Whereas; Washington State has both a strong maritime heritage and a contemporary reliance on the sea.' That is a very important set of thoughts. We are a maritime nation. Our

safety comes from the sea and by the sea. We need to make sure that our economic vitality is strong and the sea plays an important part in that. We need to do everything we can to protect the sea because it is fragile and we must make sure that our children and their children have the opportunity to enjoy it. All of us in the sea services whether it's the big Navy across the globe making sure that America's interest are upheld; your United States Coast Guard here locally making sure that take care of all the maritime traffic. We take care of mariners who are in distress. We make sure that water is available for everyone to enjoy. We all thank you for what you're doing to help us to our job. And as many of you spoke, it's all about our youngest men and women. They give so much and we need, to everyday, thank them for their service. Thank you very much."

REMARKS BY ADMIRAL MARK RICH

Admiral Mark Rich: "Thank you Mr. President and thank you Senators for allowing me this opportunity and honor to speak to you today. I'll just say on behalf of more than forty thousand active duty reserve service members and government civilians in the state of Washington as well as their eighty thousand plus retirees and family members, I want to thank you for the honor of being here today and for the resolution you just passed. Just before they deployed last summer then Secretary of State, Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta told the crew of the USS John Stennis that when the world calls we have to respond and you're the best that I have. I can tell you that the Sea Services have been here in the Northwest ready to respond for more than one hundred sixty years now and we're proud to make our home ports in what we call the 'Better Washington'. Now we have ensured peace through deterrence, forward presence and engagement and when deterrence's fail, we responded to those crisis and we fought the nations wars. Here in the Puget Sound we built and repair the country's fleet. That fleet has maintained the sea lines of communication that today have made this region into a global hub of commerce and innovation. So, I don't want to talk a whole lot about the budget crisis, because that is a big issue for us, but I will tell that locally here in the state of Washington out of 5.3 billion dollar annual economic impact some of the austerity measures that the Navy is implementing to deal with the three fold crisis that we're facing right now, they're going to total up to about two hundred eighty million dollars. I don't want to short shrift that because the biggest impact of all I think is the fact that we have sixteen thousand civilians, navy civilian's almost all whom will be furloughed. And that is taking a twenty percent pay cut every week for the next twenty two weeks beginning in late April in all likelihood as things stand right now with the budget. So, that's obviously a big deal and a big concern to us. Additionally we're looking at budget cuts on the order of one hundred fifty eight million dollars to our facilities, sustainment and restoration and modernization program that we use to maintain our buildings, utilities systems and major infrastructure. We've cancelled eighty three million dollars' worth of depot level air craft maintenance at Whidbey Island and another thirty million dollars from our base operating support accounts that does things like funds the cleanliness and upkeep of our roads, grounds and buildings as well as operate our ports, air fields and provides security, fire and emergency services. Under these conditions I think we need to think about having a national discussion about U. S. strategy and what the, what role we want our military to play in the security of our nation. As for me Navy Region Northwest provides shore installations support to our operational tenants so that they're trained, ready and able to respond when called. To accomplish that mission we have long collaborated with Washington's transportation system, private businesses, NGO's, schools,

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political leadership and Native American tribes and we're proud to do so. We literally couldn't do our job without you. So, I want to thank you for your support. Some of that support is in the form of legislation. Legislation such as what provides quicker state residency tuition requirements for new veterans, keeps activated reservists from losing college credit and that helps the children of deployed service members. Time precludes me from naming them all but I just want to say thank you for that. So as I said earlier there's been a long standing symbiotic relationship between America's Sea Services and Washington State. And I can think of no better testament than something that I experienced just yesterday that you referred to Senator. I went to the memorial service for Lt. Commander Patterson and Lt. J. G. s Delaney and Will McIlvaine and to see the community out pouring and the support of that event. Those young aviators were known personally to very, very few people in that community but they turned out remarkably strong and it made me proud to be here in Washington. So, thank you."

REMARKS BY REAR ADMIRAL KUHLMANN

Admiral Kuhlmann: "Thank you again for recognizing the great service of the Sea Services here and for especially for those young men and women who serve every day. It is my distinct pleasure to be back here in Washington again. This is my fourth tour here. I've also done multiple tours in DC and I can confirm this is 'the better Washington.' So, it is truly a pleasure to be back here in charge of the submarines in the largest submarine base in the United States and the only submarine base that has all three types of submarines. No other base in the country has our ballistic missile, guided missile, and fast attack submarines that you folks support and I appreciate the support represented by this resolution today and we will get that word out to the troops, the strong

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support this state has, they do feel privileged to serve you. Thank you."

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT

President Owen: "The President would like to recognize, we didn't get a chance to say thank you to the incredible vocalist that sang the National Anthem from the Navy, Musician Second Class Stephanie Brainard. Now, I don't see her here but she was here. Not in the wings? Well, please make sure that you express to her our appreciation and thanks to her for it."

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

The President recognized former Secretary of State, Ralph Munro who was seated in the gallery.

MOTION

At 10:36 a.m., on motion of Senator Fain, the Senate adjourned until 12:00 noon, Thursday, March 21, 2013.

BRAD OWEN, President of the Senate

HUNTER GOODMAN, Secretary of the Senate

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